

June 25, 2015

Cindy Messer Delta Stewardship Council 980 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1500 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: MND, Delta Levee Investment Strategy Policy

Dear Ms. Messer,

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the MND, Delta Levee Investment Strategy Policy. SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed project area. SMUD's vision is to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region. As a Responsible Agency, SMUD aims to ensure that the proposed project limits the potential for significant environmental effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers.

It is our desire that the MND, Delta Levee Investment Strategy Policy will acknowledge any project impacts related to the following:

- Overhead and or underground transmission and distribution line easements. Please view the following links on smud.org for more information regarding transmission encroachment:
  - https://www.smud.org/en/do-business-with-smud/documents/Guide-for-Transimssion-Encroachment.pdf. Some of these requirements include the following
  - <a href="https://www.smud.org/en/business/customer-service/support-and-services/documents/Underground-Structure-T007.pdf">https://www.smud.org/en/business/customer-service/support-and-services/documents/Underground-Structure-T007.pdf</a>
- Utility line routing
- Electrical load needs/requirements
- Energy Efficiency
- Climate Change

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the proposed project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the project planners and the appropriate project proponents.



Environmental leadership is a core value of SMUD and we look forward to collaborating with you on this project. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this MND. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Emily Bacchini, SMUD Environmental Specialist at (916) 732-6334.

Sincerely,

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